GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4249
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2001
INDIAN CITIZENS IN INDIAN ENCLAVES OF BANGLADESH
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of specific problems brought to the notice of the National Human Rights Commission in respect of Indian citizens residing in Indian Enclaves of Bangladesh;

(b) the names of agencies responsible in this regard;

(c) the action taken by each of such agencies in this respect;

(d) whether the recommendations of the Commission are still underconsideration;and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the final outcome of the case ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) received a complaint from Shri Amar Roy Pradhan, M.P. about the problems faced by the Indian citizens residing in Indian Enclaves within the territory of Bangladesh stating that these enclaves were devoid of facilities such as State Police, Health Centres, Schools, Colleges and other basic amenities

(b) to (e): India has no administrative control or access to the Indian Enclaves in Bangladesh.There are 111 Indian enclaves in Bangladesh and 51 Bangladesh enclaves in India.They are to be exchanged as per the India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974. The list of exchangeable enclaves has been jointly finalized.The exchange of enclaves is directly linked to the completion of joint demarcation of the boundary between India and Bangladesh. The two Governments have set up two Joint Boundary Working Groups to complete the demarcation work etc.

The Commission considered a report in the matter and closed the case vide its proceedings dated 24.1.2000.